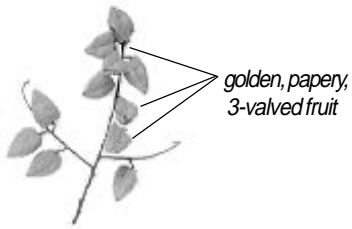
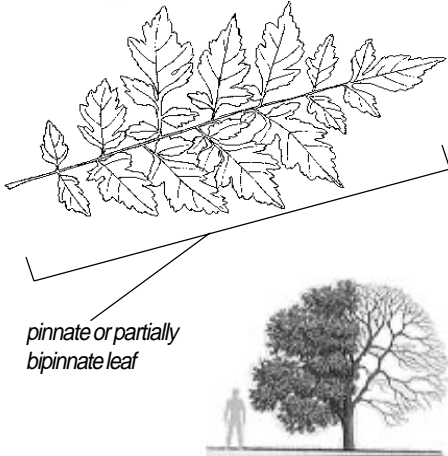


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In the works



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Golden Rain Tree

Koelreuteria paniculata

This tree has compact, rounded growth form sometimes reaching up to 40 feet in height. The leaves are pinnate or partially bipinnate, to 18 inches (45 cm) long, either lobed or divided into leaflets, dark green above, downy near veins on underside, turning yellow in autumn. The bark is pale brown becoming furrowed on older trunks. Best known for its yellow flowers, and characteristic papery, 3-valved fruits.

*-Courtesy of "Trees" by Allen J. Coombes, published
by Dorling Kindersley, Inc.*



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands

Summer is here, and so is the warm weather. For some, this is the time of year for relaxing in the shade of a favorite tree while contemplating the world. For others, it is the time of year when planning starts for all those fall projects. I urge everyone to make wise choices in the selection of trees and shrubs, whether they be for shade, fruit, or beauty. The right selection now can mean a valuable gift to all those who come after us, and a lot less headaches down the road. Factors to keep in mind are potential mature size, growth form, i.e., columnar vs. broad, and persistence of fruits and flowers. Trees, like any living thing, flourish when given the right conditions. Good luck in all your endeavors. -Kevin

City of Seattle Doubles Its Neighborhood Matching Fund

In the ten years since its inception, the Neighborhood Matching Fund has awarded \$1.5 million annually, minus administrative costs, to fund over 1,000 community and grassroots projects around the Seattle area. On April 27, the City Council unanimously voted to approve a revamped funding package doubling the annual award amount. Mayor Paul Schell was quoted as saying, "This program goes a long way toward building healthy and connected communities." Mayor Schell's goal is to triple the Neighborhood Matching Fund next year.

This means there will be a Tree Fund for 1998. The Tree Fund makes trees available to Seattle neighborhood-based groups for planting projects in parking strips on residential streets, and in City Parks. Groups can apply for up to forty trees selected from a tree menu. The neighborhood match, consisting mainly of volunteer time, is required for each project. Representatives from each awarded group are also required to attend a training session on tree planting and maintenance. The application deadline is Friday, August 7, 1998. That may be a bit rushed, but now is the best time to start planning for next year, especially if the fund triples.

Spokane's Tree Ordinance Struggles

City Horticulturist, Jim Flott, began preparing the initial draft of a comprehensive tree-care ordinance for the City of Spokane almost a year and a half ago. This past May saw the Park Board passing the ordinance by a near unanimous vote of eight to one. On June 29, the City Council had their "final" meeting on the ordinance. The meeting featured over thirty supporting speakers and lasted more than three hours, but the Council was still unwilling to make a decision. The meeting ended with the Council deferring the final vote until Flott and the Tree Board answer some specific questions from the Council. Flott promptly replied to their request and was awaiting a decision on July 20.

The Council met on July 20 and, due to a host of political issues raised concerning the ordinance, Flott decided to pull it from the agenda. The ordinance is now in political limbo, awaiting a more favorable climate. Flott has said the ordinance is not dead, "It has just been tabled for a couple of weeks or maybe a couple of months."

Landscape Plant Installation and Management Course

Dr. Ray Maleike, WSU Extension Horticulturist, will be instructing this three-credit course for the Fall semester at the WSU Extension campus in Puyallup. The course will cover the practices and principles of installation and management, as well as the fundamentals of problem diagnosis and problem avoidance of plants in human dominated landscapes. The class will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00 to 8:30pm, September 1 through December 10, 1998. For more detailed information, call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

In the works (continued)

People who will not sustain trees will soon live in a world which cannot sustain people.

-Bryce Nelson

TRIVIA: What year was National Arbor Day created?

(answer is upside down below)

Picks and Shovels

On the Horizon

The purpose of the Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is to assist communities and nonprofit groups in building self-sustaining urban forestry and tree care programs with strong local support.

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Washington Community Tree Replacement Program

Pacific Power and the Washington DNR are in the process of developing the Washington Community Tree Replacement Program in an effort to improve the health of community forests in Washington cities by replacing large over-mature street and park trees under utility lines. The Department of Natural Resource's Urban and Community Forestry Program will be working with selected applicants within Pacific Power's service area to establish local community projects which achieve this goal. The purposes of these projects will be to:

- ♦ improve public safety by removing over-mature or declining trees under power lines along city street and in parks
- ♦ educate the public about the values of trees in cities and promote the planting of specific tree species and cultivars
- ♦ restore the health and vitality of the community forest through new tree planting

So, if you are in Agnew, Buena, Burbank, College Place, Dayton, Dixie, Granger, Harrah, Huntsville, Lowden, Mabton, Merwin, Naches, Outlook, Parker, Pomeroy, Prosser, Selah, Sunnyside, Swift, Tieton, Toppenish, Touchet, Union Gap, Waitsburg, Walla Walla, Wallula, Wapato, White Swan, Yakima, Yale, or Zillah watch for more information.

Community Forestry Clearinghouse Alive and Well...and growing

Since April 1994, the Washington Community Forestry Council and the Washington DNR Community Forestry Program have been compiling information on urban forestry. To obtain any of this information, contact the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

Forestry: A Community Tradition. A 35-page report published through a cooperative effort of USDA Forest Service, National Association of State Foresters, and Southern University and A&M College. Three sections include: Issues and Trends, Needs and Action, and Existing Resources. Copies are available free-of-charge from the National Association of State Foresters at (202) 624-5415.

Great Grants: Environmental Education Success Stories of EPA Region 10. This 200-page volume is designed to assist potential grantees in project design, to help reduce duplication of efforts, and to provide ideas and inspiration. Copies can be obtained by contacting Sally Hanft at (206) 553-1207.

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| 16-18 | Best of the West Summit. The Presidio, Golden Gate Club, San Francisco, CA. For more information, contact the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE. |
| 12,19,26 | Tree Steward Training. 9:00am-4:00pm, Seattle, WA. For more information, contact Liz Ellis at (206) 684-5008. |
| 27-30 | Society of Municipal Arborists, 34th Annual Conference and Trade Show. St. Louis, MO. For more detailed information, contact SMA at (314) 862-1711 or visit their website at www.urban-forestry.com . |
| 28-30 | Financing the Urban Forest National Conference. Nebraska City, NE. For details, contact NADF at (402) 474-5655. |
| 30 | PNW Chapter Tree-Climbing Jamboree. Skinner Butte Park, Eugene, OR. Contact PNW-ISA at (503) 585-4285. |
| 30-Oct. 2 | Pacific Northwest Chapter of ISA, Annual Training Conference. Eugene, OR. Contact the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE. |